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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/31/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/24/04
BRO-FRY	166,810	162,850
LT HENS	1,465	1,522
HVY HENS	1,484	1,455

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	336	0	336
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	301	8	309
SAME WEEK YR AGO	276	0	276
TO-DATE/2004	6,999	91	7,090
TO-DATE/2003	7,599	104	7,703

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,774	1,484	3,258
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,915	1,428	3,343
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,381	1,459	2,840
TO-DATE/2004	46,109	37,990	84,099
TO-DATE/2003	53,706	40,084	93,790

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,269	1,438	1,484	2,922
AVG WT	5.15	3.45	8.00	5.76
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	161,060	1,614	1,420	3,034
SAME WK YR AGO	157,247	1,105	1,459	2,564
AVG WT	5.11	3.45	7.80	5.93
TO-DATE/2004	4,500,653	39,110	37,899	77,009
TO-DATE/2003	4,440,321	46,107	39,980	86,087

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.2 million head or 3.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,875	25,643	43,881
Avg Weight	3.67	4.73	6.27
% of total /1	28%	27%	46%
Last week	23,868	19,585	38,386
Avg Weight	3.60	4.73	6.33
% of total /1	29%	24%	47%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,946	31,450	49,431
Avg Weight	3.81	4.85	6.15
% of total /1	23%	30%	47%
To date/2004	743,554	608,096	1,254,860
To date/2003	687,959	651,205	1,283,959

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING
/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-04
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,910	2,713	72	1	4,696
AVG WT	16.71	36.03	23.21	43.53	27.97
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,872	2,757	59	18	4,706
SAME WK YR AGO	2,034	2,758	62	10	4,864
AVG WT	15.50	35.67	24.89	31.91	27.08
TO-DATE/2004	49,921	73,093	1,357	196	124,567
TO-DATE/2003	53,679	79,177	1,804	431	135,091

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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